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Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

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- This form (and any attachments) can be returned via:

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 Washington, D.C. 20510

- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: A Child Is Missing-Alaska

Project Location: Throughout the state of Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

A Child Is Missing (ACIM) is a not-for-profit organization that assists law enforcement agencies across the county, including all law enforcement agencies in the State of Alaska, in the first few hours a child or an elderly adult is reported missing. The program is available (free of charge) to all 45 Alaska law enforcement agencies. ACIM has worked on many missing children/elderly cases in Alaska for Alaska's law enforcement agencies. The request will be used for maintaining and upgrading ACIM's telephony technology and satellite mapping system. It will also help cover the support functions it provides to Alaska law enforcement agencies on missing children/elderly cases; support ACIM's Alaska law enforcement training sessions; and, establish community awareness meetings involving child safety issues throughout the state of Alaska. In Alaska, we have worked on more than 34 cases, providing critical services to Alaska law enforcement agencies. Nationwide, ACIM has been credited by law enforcement agencies with more than 320 safe recoveries. All funds secured by Senator Stevens will be used throughout the State of Alaska.

Related Appropriations Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$220,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$220,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: N/A

Matching funds from local and private entities:

A Child Is Missing-Alaska has raised (and will raise) local and private funding to address any potential match requirements.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

A Child Is Missing-Alaska has not received Federal funding in any fiscal year. However, since FY04, ACIM has received funding for programs in other states.

A Child Is Missing received \$1,052,800 in FY08; \$2,020,000 in FY06; \$400,000 in FY05.

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: N/A

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: N/A

List legislation that authorizes this project:

The program is not authorized. However, ACIM is working on an authorization bill.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☒ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

Sherry Friedlander, Founder and CEO of A Child Is Missing, is the Alaska contact for A Child Is Missing. She coordinates all A Child Is Missing activities with Alaska law enforcement agencies. ACIM is currently working with 10 Alaska law enforcement agencies. Letters of support from Alaska law enforcement agencies will be provided.

Suggested Report Language: A Child Is Missing-Alaska, \$220,000

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Every 40 seconds a child goes missing. Finding these missing children, not to mention elderly adults and people with disabilities, is of paramount importance to parents, guardians, and law enforcement agencies. A Child Is Missing bases the significance for its programs on the following criteria: the national crisis of missing children, the importance of recovery speed, and the real need for the program.

National Crisis. FBI statistics indicate more than 3,000 children and elderly are reported missing daily nationwide. That equates to 125 per hour. In 2001, some 859,000 children alone were reported missing in the U.S. Strangers commit more than half (53 percent) of child abduction murders.

Recovery Speed. A Washington State Attorney General's office study showed that among cases involving children abducted and murdered, 74 percent were slain in the first 3 hours. A child has a 1 in 42 chance of going missing. Of the 800,000 children and elderly that go missing each year approximately less than 1 percent are abductions resulting in sexual abuse and death. The remaining 99 percent are children that have wandered, get lost, and are injured/unconscious or runaway. This is a big issue in the State of Alaska. Each of these cases can also result in death through drowning, hypothermia, being hit by a car, and/or lured by a sexual predator. The need to locate the missing in the first 2 hours of the disappearance is vital. Most law enforcement agencies generally lack the available manpower to knock on doors asking neighbors for valuable information about the missing person.

Need. In equipment and staffing, few agencies can afford what A Child Is Missing provides to law enforcement agencies for free. Children, the disabled and elderly can disappear any time under widely varying circumstances, and A Child Is Missing stands ready to assist every day of the year.

Accomplishments. Nationwide, ACIM has been credited by law enforcement agencies with more than 320 safe recoveries. In Alaska, we have worked on more than 34 cases, providing critical services to Alaska law enforcement agencies.